

Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 27th, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Conducted via Remote Participation

To Register for the Zoom Meeting:

https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkdu-

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Meeting ID: 849 1607 1297

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Members of the public are asked to send written comment to Daniel Amstutz at damstutz@town.arlington.ma.us with a copy to Christopher Tonkin at tonkinc@comcast.net.

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https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/29668/18?backlist=%2 ftown-governance%2fboards-and-committees%2fbicycle-advisory-committee-abac

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Agenda

Note: due to this meeting being on the same night as Annual Town Meeting, the Chair may shuffle agenda items to fit with members who may be Town Meeting members.

1. Greetings and Introductions, ground rules for online meetings.

- 2. Reappointment of Executive Board members.
- 3. Approval of the outstanding minutes for previous meetings.
- 4. BLUEbikes latest update on Warrant article.
- 5. Report from COBWEB Officer.
- 6. TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) report.
- 7. Dooring incident at Town Hall.
- 8. Tour of Arlington Town Day for 2022. Combine?
- 9. ABAC funds use or loose. Come with spending ideas.
- 10. Move the June meeting.
- 11. Lowell Bike Connector used bike collection at the DPW on April 30.
- 12. Trash pick-up on the Bikeway. Report.
- 13. Development of new rubric for road makings, bike lanes with and without protection. Progress?
- 14. Bikeway book -- a suggestion from Lauren, Arlington or Tri Town, anyone want to head this one up?
- 15. General updates not from Daniel:
 - 1. Minuteman Bikeway Planning Project update.
 - 2. Mystic River to Bikeway Feasibility Study update.
 - 3. Other updates.
- 15. Tales from the Bikeway, matters arising from the Bikeway.
- 16. Tracking "Scary Moments" as in Cambridge. Add a site to ABAC's.
- 17. Tri-Town meeting debrief.
- 18. Any other business.

Upcoming Meetings: Next ABAC meetings May 18th and June 15th. Note: All meetings through July will be virtual. When we go back to physical meeting, all meetings will be held in the 1st floor meeting room in the Town Hall Annex.

Attachments:

1) Governor Charlie Baker's 3/12/2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.



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ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G. L. c. 30A, § 20

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, many important functions of State and Local Government are executed by "public bodies," as that term is defined in G. L. c. 30A, § 18, in meetings that are open to the public, consistent with the requirements of law and sound public policy and in order to ensure active public engagement with, contribution to, and oversight of the functions of government; and

WHEREAS, both the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health ("DPH") have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

WHEREAS, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise authority over public assemblages as necessary to protect the health and safety of persons; and

WHEREAS, low-cost telephone, social media, and other internet-based technologies are currently available that will permit the convening of a public body through virtual means and allow real-time public access to the activities of the public body; and

WHEREAS section 20 of chapter 30A and implementing regulations issued by the Attorney General currently authorize remote participation by members of a public body, subject to certain limitations;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

(1) A public body, as defined in section 18 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, is hereby relieved from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

Adequate, alternative means of public access shall mean measures that provide transparency and permit timely and effective public access to the deliberations of the public body. Such means may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body while those activities are occurring. Where allowance for active, real-time participation by members of the public is a specific requirement of a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, pursuant to which the proceeding is conducted, any alternative means of public access must provide for such participation.

A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access that will enable the public to follow the proceedings of the municipal public body as those activities are occurring in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable upon conclusion of the proceedings. This paragraph shall not apply to proceedings that are conducted pursuant to a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, that requires allowance for active participation by members of the public.

A public body must offer its selected alternative means of access to its proceedings without subscription, toll, or similar charge to the public.

- (2) Public bodies are hereby authorized to allow remote participation by all members in any meeting of the public body. The requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at a specified meeting location, as provided in G. L. c. 30A, § 20(d) and in 940 CMR 29.10(4)(b), is hereby suspended.
- (3) A public body that elects to conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in sections (1) or (2) above shall ensure that any party entitled or required to appear before it shall be able to do so through remote means, as if the party were a member of the public body and participating remotely as provided in section (2).
- (4) All other provisions of sections 18 to 25 of chapter 30A and the Attorney General's implementing regulations shall otherwise remain unchanged and fully applicable to the activities of public bodies.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever happens first.

Given in Boston at Y. TPM this 12th day of March, two thousand and twenty.

CHARLES D. BAKER

GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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